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on the Health of the  
RURAL DISTRICT OF STROOD  
during the year 1972



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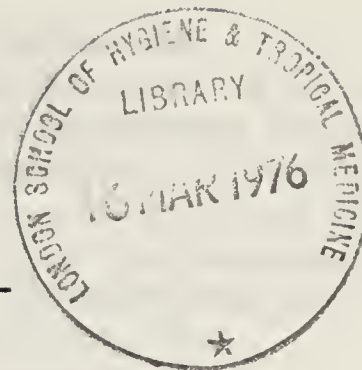
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STROOD RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL  
OFFICER OF HEALTH FOR THE YEAR  
ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 1972



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To the Chairman and Members of the  
Strood Rural District Council.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

This is the final report on the state of health existing in the Strood Rural District. The Council as entity has existed for some 80 years and its present administrative area formed by the union with the Hoo Rural District Council has been largely unaltered for the past 40 years.

As Medical Officer of Health for the past 15 years I have been responsible to the Council for the provision of environmental health and the control of infectious disease in the area. Over this period of time a major effort has been made to demolish housing unfit for human habitation and while one cannot claim that the task has been finished, the onus of recent times has been directed to improvement of substandard housing owing to changing economic values.

Another aspect of the improved environmental scene in which the Health Department can claim to have played its proper part has been the clearance of temporary dwellings from the Cliffe Woods area following an initial survey and report in 1960, from which flowed all the subsequent successful actions by other departments of the Council to the fulfilment of the present day pleasant rural housing community.

The water borne sewerage system has been gradually extended by the Council over the years until in the ultimate year of its' existence all the villages in the district are on main drainage from which the Health Department can take some credit as being a "behind the scenes" pressure group.

Over the year under review the public health staff have carried out their routine duties in the customary diligent manner, much of the work was concentrated on dealing with the abatement of nuisances, statutory or otherwise - seldom had the Public Health Law to be invoked, as in the main, satisfactory outcome was achieved through discussion and advice.



Reviewing the statistics within the body of the report it will be seen that the health of the district remains satisfactory. Apart from Measles, notification of other infectious diseases was minimal - just how much further effort is needed before the majority of children susceptible to the infection can be protected by immunisation, may be judged, by the fourfold increase in notifications from the previous year's total.

One unusual notification was a case of Malaria contracted overseas and first presenting at home - with the increasing popularity of sunshine package tours in the winter season to the equatorial belt, where malaria is endemic all the year round, this diagnosis must always be borne in mind in those falling ill on return from abroad, if tragedy is to be avoided, and potential holidaymakers advised to take an adequate course of preventive treatment.

The estimated mid year population of the district, given by the Registrar-General was 42,870 being an increase of 800 over the previous year's figure. Thus the slow growth in population has been maintained - in 1959 when I first prepared the Annual Report the population was 26,490. The total number of registered live births was 753, a fall of 41 from the previous year's total giving a rate of 15.7 per 1,000 population being above the national rate of 14.8.

Deaths of infants under 1 year was 7 which gave an infant mortality rate of 10.0 per 1000 live births and compared favourably with the national rate of 17.3.

Deaths from all causes numbered 331 being an increase of 43 over the previous year's total. The death rate for the local district worked out at 11.0 per 1,000 of the population while the national rate was 12.1.

The main causes of death followed the pattern of previous years with 57% due to degenerative disease of the circulatory system, 20% due to Cancer in all forms and respiratory disease 13%.

Influenza vaccination was once again offered to all Council employees but the value of the measure could not be assessed as influenza was not prevalent in the country.

Impending local government re-organisation has increased the work load of the department during the year with a material amount of officer time being taken up in meetings, and once the decision to divide the Rural District between its two urban neighbours was finalised the Staff have been engaged in facilitating the final cleavage.

Environmental health and the control of infectious disease under the Local Government Act 1972 is to remain a local district council responsibility and advice will be made available as necessary in medical matters by the District Community Physician.

There is no reason to suppose that the new administrative organisation will not function as well, if not better than the present system in due course, when the public grow used to the change and staff remain easily accessible and considerate in their daily duties.

I would like to pay this final tribute to the members of the Staff, especially Miss Merry the Chief Clerk and Mr. Horncastle the Chief Public Health Inspector, who have given loyal service down the years, and to the Chairman and Members of the Committee for their support and interest in the work of the Department.

Yours respectfully,

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Chief Public Health Inspector:

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P.G. Hill, Dip.P.H.I.E.B., M.A.P.H.I.

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Clerks:

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Miss C.F.Yianni (retired Jan.1972)  
Miss B.Johnson (commenced May 1972)  
(resigned Nov.1972)

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STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA

VITAL STATISTICS

1972

Area of the district.....	48,435
Estimated mid year Resident Population.....	42,870
Number of inhabited houses.....	13,826
Rateable value at 1st April, 1972.....	£7,774,182
1st April, 1971.....	£3,067,160
1st April, 1970.....	£2,847,041
Sum represented by Penny Rate 1st April, 1972.....	£77,336
1st April, 1971.....	£30,279
1st April, 1970.....	£28,099

Total births (live and still).....	760
Live births.....	753
Birth rate (after comparability factor applied).....	15.7
Rate for England and Wales.....	14.8
Still-births.....	7
Still-birth rate.....	9.0
Rate for England and Wales.....	12.0
Illegitimate births.....	33
Illegitimate birth rate.....	4.0
Rate for England and Wales.....	9.0
Deaths.....	331
Death rate (after comparability factor applied).....	11.0
Rate for England and Wales.....	12.1
Infant Mortality rate.....	10.0
Rate for England and Wales.....	17.0

INDUSTRIAL UNDERTAKINGS IN THE STROOD RURAL DISTRICT

WHERE 20 OR MORE PERSONS ARE EMPLOYED

Berry Wiggins & Co.Ltd.,	... Hoo St. Werburgh	... Oil refinery
BP Refinery (Kent) Ltd.,	... Isle of Grain	... Oil refinery
British Ceca Ltd.,	... Frindsbury Extra	... Activated charcoal
British Uralite Ltd.,	... Higham	... Asbestos cement
Burnett & Rolfe Ltd.,	... Frindsbury Extra	... Brewery & Dairy plant
C.E.G.B.,	... Hoo St.Werburgh	... Power station
Leeming & Co.(Cobham) Ltd.,	... Cobham	... Paints & Varnishes
London & Rochester Trading Co.,	... Frindsbury Extra	... Tarpauling & sails; barge repairs.
J.J. Maybank (Strood) Ltd.,	... Frindsbury Extra	... Waste paper recovery
Medway Buildings Ltd.,	... Frindsbury Extra	... Timber buildings
Medway Welding Ltd.,	... Hoo St.Werburgh	... Welding
Rugby Portland Cement Co.Ltd.,	... Halling	... Cement
Sitecast Ltd.,	... Hoo St.Werburgh	... Gas from oil
Sunthorn Ltd.,	... Hoo St. Werburgh	... Plastic sheeting
Turner, King & Shephard Ltd.,	... Cuxton	... Paints, etc.
Tyler Boat Co.,	... Hoo St.Werburgh	... Boat building
Waller Engineering Ltd.,	... Meopham	... Light engineering



# CAUSES OF DEATH

(as notified by Office of Population, Censuses & Surveys)

	Under 4 weeks		4 weeks and under one year		1-4		5-14		15-24		25-34		35-44		45-54		55-64		65-74		75 and over	
	m	f	m	f	m	f	m	f	m	f	m	f	m	f	m	f	m	f	m	f	m	f
Enteritis and other diarrhoeal diseases	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tuberculosis of respiratory system	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other Tuberculosis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Syphilis and its sequelae	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cancer - Oesophagus	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cancer - Stomach	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cancer - Intestine	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cancer - Lung, Bronchus	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cancer - Breast	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cancer - Uterus	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cancer - Prostate	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Leukaemia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other cancers	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Diabetes Mellitis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Anaemias	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other diseases of nervous system	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Chronic Rheumatism	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Heart Disease	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Hypertensive Disease	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ischaemic Heart Disease	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other forms of Heart Disease	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cerebrovascular Disease	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other diseases of circulatory System	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
C/Fwd.	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

CAUSES OF DEATH - continued

	Under 4 weeks		4 weeks and under one year		1-4		5-14		15-24		25-34		35-44		45-54		55-64		65-74		75 and over	
	m	f	m	f	m	f	m	f	m	f	m	f	m	f	m	f	m	f	m	f	m	f
B/Fwd.																						
Pneumonia	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	14	7	32	21	51	28	58	50
Bronchitis and Emphysema	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	3	3	12	11
Other Diseases of Respiratory System	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	3	1	2	3
Peptic Ulcer	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
Cirrhosis of Liver	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1
Other diseases of Digestive System	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Hyperplasia of Prostate	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
Other Diseases, Genito-Urinary System	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Diseases of Musculo-Skeletal System	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1
Congenital Anomalies	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Birth injury, Difficult labour etc.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other causes of Perinatal Mortality	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Motor Vehicle Accidents	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
All Other Accidents	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Suicide and Self-Inflicted Injuries	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Intestinal Obstruction and Hernia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1
TOTALS	2	2	1	2	-	2	1	-	1	1	-	-	3	-	16	7	33	23	60	34	74	69



ANALYSIS OF AGE GROUPS OF DEATHS OCCURRING DURING 1972

PARISH	AGE GROUPS										
	Under 4 years	1 weeks and under one year	1-4	5-14	15-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65-74	75 and over
Allhallows	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	6	3
Cliffe	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	3	10	7
Cobham	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	1	7
Cooling	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2
Cuxton	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	7	9
Frindsbury	-	-	1	-	1	-	1	6	8	12	18
Halling	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	3	6	12
Higham	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	12	9	14
High Halstow	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	3	2	2
Hoo St.Werburgh	1	1	-	-	1	-	-	7	7	13	20
Isle of Grain	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	3	2	1
Luddesdown	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-
Meopham	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	2	7	17	25
St. Mary Hoo	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Shorne	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	2	2	16
Stoke	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	4	7
TOTALS	6	2	3	1	2	-	3	23	57	93	144
Percentage of Total Deaths	1.80%	.60%	.90%	.30%	.60%	-	.90%	6.89%	17.06%	22.84%	43.11%

PREVALENCE OF AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS  
DISEASES AND OTHER DISEASES

Tabulated statement of cases notified in each Parish:

PARISH	Tuberculosis		Food Poisoning	Sonnei Dysentery	Infective Hepatitis	Scarlet Fever	Whooping Cough	Measles
	Pulmonary	Non- Pulmonary						
Allhallows	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cliffe	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Cobham	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	4
Cooling	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cuxton	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5
Frindsbury	-	-	-	1	1	-	1	11
Halling	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	38
Higham	-	-	-	-	2	1	-	3
High Halstow	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Hoo St. Werburgh	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	27
Isle of Grain	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	25
Luddesdown	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Meopham	1	-	2	5	2	-	-	31
St. Mary Hoo	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Shorne	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5
Stoke	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
TOTALS	3	-	2	6	6	2	1	152

PREVALENCE OF AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS  
DISEASES AND OTHER DISEASES

Tabulated statement of cases notified in each month  
of 1972:

1972	Tuberculosis		Food Poisoning	Sonnei Dysentery	Infective Hepatitis	Scarlet Fever	Whooping Cough	Measles
	Pulmonary	Non- Pulmonary						
January	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4
February	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	28
March	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	10
April	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	7
May	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	7
June	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
July	-	-	-	6	-	-	-	13
August	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	13
September	-	-	1	-	2	-	-	1
October	1	-	1	-	1	-	-	39
November	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	5
December	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	19
TOTALS	3	-	2	6	6	2	1	152

TUBERCULOSIS

Statement of particulars appearing on  
Register of Notifications of Tuberculosis  
for the year ended 31st December, 1972:

	PULMONARY			NON-PULMONARY			PULMONARY AND NON-PULMONARY
	M	F	Total	M	F	Total	
(a) No. of cases on register at the commencement of year....	33	44	77	19	15	34	111
(b) No. of cases notified under the Regulations for the first time.....	1	2	3	-	-	-	3
(c) No. of cases restored to register.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
(d) Other additions during the year.....	-	1	1	-	-	-	1
(e) No. of cases removed from register during the year.....	3	2	5	1	-	1	6
(f) No. of cases remaining on register at the end of the year.....	31	45	76	18	15	33	109



# IMMUNISATION AND VACCINATION

The following table shows the figures for 1972 on the return sent to the Department of Health and Social Security.

YEAR OF BIRTH	PRIMARY					
	Triple Antigen	Diphtheria. Tetanus	Tetanus	Measles	Polio- myelitis	Rubella
1972	4	-	-	3	5	-
1971	318	3	-	154	722	-
1970	145	9	-	157	171	-
1969	9	4	-	42	20	-
1968	4	3	-	17	9	-
1967	4	3	-	12	-	-
1965-1966	-	-	2	2	-	-
1956-1964	-	3	41	2	-	240
TOTALS	484	25	43	389	927	240

IMMUNISATION AND VACCINATION

The following table shows the figures for 1972  
based on the return sent to the Department of  
Health and Social Security:

YEAR OF BIRTH	RE-INFORCING			
	Triple Antigen	Diphtheria Tetanus	Tetanus	Polio- myelitis
1972	-	-	-	-
1971	-	1	-	-
1970	3	2	-	-
1969	4	4	2	-
1968	7	43	1	56
1967	48	232	3	380
1965-1966	16	51	2	65
1956-1964	16	15	238	228
TOTALS	94	348	246	729

## WATER SUPPLIES

At the request of the Department of Health and Social Security Circular 1/73, the following comments are recorded:-

All parishes except Halling are provided with a public water supply operated by the Medway Water Co. Ltd.

The water has proved to be satisfactory, both in quantity and quality to meet the needs of the resident domestic population and 34 bacteriological and 2 chemical samples were taken during the year. Supplied from wells both within and outside the Rural District, the hardness of the water ranges between 230 and 305 parts per million.

The chemical analyses are shown on pages 12 and 13.

The water is not liable to have plumbo-solvent action.

The table below shows the details of supply to dwelling houses in each parish of the Rural District.

PARISH	No. of Houses Surveyed	No. of Houses on Indoor Water Supply	No. of Houses with Stand-pipes	No. of Houses with Public Supply	No. of Houses on private supply, wells and springs
Allhallows	354	354	-	354	-
Cliffe	937	921	16	937	-
Cobham	485	485	-	485	-
Cooling	52	52	-	52	-
Cuxton	960	960	-	960	-
Frindsbury	1,778	1,778	-	1,778	-
Halling	773	773	-	772	1
Higham	1,408	1,408	-	1,408	-
High Halstow	327	327	-	327	-
Hoo St. Werburgh	2,373	2,373	-	2,371	2
Isle of Grain	567	565	2	567	-
Luddesdown	82	82	-	81	1
Meopham	2,435	2,432	3	2,428	7
St. Mary Hoo	66	66	-	66	-
Shorne	880	880	-	878	2
Stoke	349	344	5	349	-
TOTALS	13,826	13,800	26	13,813	13
Percentage of Totals		99.81%	.19%	99.91%	.09%



## CHEMICAL ANALYSIS OF WATER SUPPLIES

Address:- 6, Meadow Crescent, Upper Halling

Physical Characters: Colour Clear

Odour None

Deposit None pH 8.3

CHEMICAL EXAMINATION: (Results expressed in parts per million)

Solids in Suspension	(Dried at 100°C).....	---
Solids in Solution	(Dried at 180°C).....	285
Solids in Solution	after ignition.....	275
Chlorides as Chlorine.....		20
Carbonate Hardness	as CaCO <sub>3</sub> .....	195
Non-Carbonate Hardness	as CaCO <sub>3</sub> .....	35
Total Hardness	as CaCO <sub>3</sub> .....	230
Total Alkalinity	as CaCO <sub>3</sub> .....	195
Ammoniacal Nitrogen.....		0.02
Albuminoid Nitrogen.....		not detected
Nitrate Nitrogen.....		5.0
Nitrite Nitrogen.....		not detected
Oxygen absorbed in 15 minutes at 27°C.....		Nil
Oxygen absorbed in 4 hours at 27°C.....		Nil
Dissolved Oxygen.....		---
Biochemical Oxygen Demand.....		---
Fluoride.....		---
Toxic Metals.....		---
Residual Chlorine - Free.....		---
Residual Chlorine - Combined.....		---

## BACTERIOLOGICAL EXAMINATION

Number of Colonies Developing Upon Agar

(a) in 24 hours at 37°C.....

(b) in 3 days at 22°C.....

Presumptive Coliform Count.....

## OPINION:

Satisfactory



## CHEMICAL ANALYSIS OF WATER SUPPLIES

Address:- 73, Harrison Drive, High Halstow.

Physical Characters; Colour Clear  
Colourless

Odour None

Deposit None pH 8.3

### CHEMICAL EXAMINATION (Results expressed in parts per million)

Solids in Suspension	(Dried at 100°C).....	---
Solids in Solution	(Dried at 180°C).....	370
Solids in Solution	(after ignition).....	365
Chlorides as Chlorine.....		25
Carbonate Hardness	as CaCO <sub>3</sub> .....	260
Non-Carbonate Hardness	as CaCO <sub>3</sub> .....	45
Total Hardness	as CaCO <sub>3</sub> .....	305
Total Alkalinity	as CaCO <sub>3</sub> .....	260
Ammoniacal Nitrogen.....		not detected
Albuminoid Nitrogen.....		not detected
Nitrate Nitrogen.....		6.0
Nitrite Nitrogen.....		not detected
Oxygen absorbed in 15 minutes at 27°C.....		Nil
Oxygen absorbed in 4 hours at 27°C.....		0.1
Dissolved oxygen.....		---
Biochemical oxygen demand.....		---
Fluoride.....		---
Toxic metals.....		---
Residual chlorine - Free.....		---
Residual chlorine - Combined.....		---

### BACTERIOLOGICAL EXAMINATION

Number of Colonies Developing upon Agar

(a) in 24 hours at 37°C..... ---

(b) in 3 days at 22°C..... ---

Presumptive Coliform Count..... ---

### OPINION:

Satisfactory

## SWIMMING POOLS

There are no public swimming pools within the Rural District at present although one is now under construction in the parish of Hoo St. Werburgh and should be in use during 1973. A number of pools have been installed at schools, however, mainly for the purpose of teaching young children to swim.

Advice and help has been given, where required, regarding purification of the water.

## PUBLIC CLEANSING

### Collection and disposal of domestic refuse

Refuse is collected weekly throughout the district from the rear of premises by means of the paper sack method.

After collection refuse is disposed of by means of controlled tipping in a disused chalk pit situated within the boundaries of the City of Rochester, and the tip is treated regularly to prevent the breeding of flies and other insects.

### Cesspool and pail closet emptying

With the exception of those areas in which a public sewer is provided cesspools are emptied, upon request, free of charge up to a maximum of five times per year. In the case of shared cesspools (2 or more houses connected to one cesspool), five emptyings per house are allowed.

Pail closets are emptied weekly in the Parishes of Hoo St. Werburgh, Isle of Grain and Allhallows and twice per week in the Parish of Stoke.

A total of 88 houses have pail closets and 4 have privies.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES SURVEY OF RURAL DISTRICT

Sanitary Accommodation

PARISH	No. of Houses Surveyed	Water Closets	Pail Closets	Privies
Allhallows	354	353	1	-
Cliffe	937	923	14	-
Cobham	485	479	6	-
Cooling	52	52	-	-
Cuxton	960	960	-	-
Frindsbury	1,778	1,765	13	-
Halling	773	773	-	-
Higham	1,408	1,405	1	2
High Halstow	327	323	4	-
Hoo St. Werburgh	2,373	2,366	7	-
Isle of Grain	567	558	9	-
Luddesdown	82	77	5	-
Meopham	2,435	2,421	12	2
St. Mary Hoo	66	62	4	-
Shorne	880	878	2	-
Stoke	349	339	10	-
TOTALS	13,826	13,734	88	4



SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES SURVEY OF RURAL DISTRICT

Drainage facilities

PARISH	No. of Houses Surveyed	No. of Houses connected to Public Sewer	No. of Houses draining to Cesspools, Septic Tanks, etc.
Allhallows	354	335	19
Cliffe	937	304	633
Cobham	485	422	63
Cooling	52	---	52
Cuxton	960	934	26
Frindsbury	1,778	1,694	84
Halling	773	761	12
Higham	1,408	1,171	237
High Halstow	327	272	55
Hoo St. Werburgh	2,373	2,276	97
Isle of Grain	567	522	45
Luddesdown	82	39	43
Meopham	2,435	1,831	604
St. Mary Hoo	66	---	66
Shorne	880	679	201
Stoke	349	323	26
TOTALS	13,826	11,563	2,263

## HOUSING

During the year the number of houses built by the District Council was 29 and by private enterprise 330 making a total of 359 dwellings.

The following is the position regarding applicants for Council houses at the 31st December, 1972.

Allhallows.....	35	High Halstow.....	11
Cliffe.....	46	Hoo St. Werburgh.....	191
Cobham.....	21	Isle of Grain.....	27
Cooling.....	2	Luddesdown.....	1
Cuxton.....	38	Meopham.....	115
Frindsbury Extra.....	108	St. Mary Hoo.....	5
Halling.....	44	Shorne.....	26
Higham.....	73	Stoke.....	15

## CURRENT SLUM CLEZRRANCE PROGRAMME

The position at the end of 1972 was:-

(a) Total No. of Houses on list.....	372
(b) Total No. of Houses dealt with by the Department.....	277
(c) Total No. of Houses awaiting action.....	95
(d) Total No. of Houses demolished.....	114
(e) Total No. of Houses vacant awaiting demolition.....	102
(f) Total No. of Houses made fit or used as store.....	8
(g) Total No. of Houses still occupied.....	148

## NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948

### Section 47

No action was necessary during 1972 requiring the removal of persons in need of care and attention.

### Section 50

No action was required to be taken under this section of the Act regarding burial.

CONFERENCES AND COURSES

CONFERENCE OR COURSE	VENUE	DATE	ATTENDED BY
Profit from Housing Improvement.	Chatham	17th February, 1972	D.W.Horncastle D.J. Ainsley
Society of Medical Officer of Health Symposium.	London	16th & 17th March, 1972	Dr. L.F. McWilliams
Weekend School.	Canterbury	24th - 26th March, 1972	D.J. Ainsley P.G. Hill
Royal Society of Health Conference.	Eastbourne	23rd - 28th April, 1972	Dr. L.F. McWilliams
Future Organisation and Management of Environmental Health Service.	London	13th June, 1972.	D.W. Horncastle
Association of Public Health Inspectors.	Blackpool	18th - 22nd September, 1972.	G. Wilson
Royal Institute of Public Health and Hygiene Conference	Folkestone	3rd - 6th October, 1972	Dr. L.F. McWilliams
Clean Air Conference	Scarborough	16th - 20th October, 1972	D.W. Horncastle



## ICE-CREAM

There are 108 premises registered for the retail sale of ice-cream. Ice-cream is not manufactured on the district.

## MILK DISTRIBUTORS

There are 52 retailers and 3 producer/retailers registered as distributors of milk in the area and 3 dealers retailing in the area whose premises are not situated on the district.

The retailers, in general, are shop-keepers who sell sterilised milk only and no samples were taken during the year due to the fact that the milk sold in the district is sampled by adjacent authorities where the milk is bottled.

### No. of visits under Public Health Acts

No. of houses inspected.....	176
No. of other premises inspected.....	1199
No. of re-inspections.....	151
No. of nuisances found.....	22
No. of nuisances abated.....	22
No. of informal notices served.....	30
No. of informal notices complied with.....	7
No. of statutory notices served.....	-
No. of statutory notices complied with.....	-
No. of inspections of caravans.....	141
No. of visits - refuse disposal.....	21
No. of inquiries in case of infectious disease.....	76
No. of visits re: disinfestation.....	9
No. of water samples taken.....	41

The following work was carried out following inspection

EXTERNAL

Accumulation of refuse.....	2
Door frame repaired.....	1
Drains cleared.....	3
Drains repaired.....	4
Manhole installed.....	1
Roofs repaired.....	2
Sewer cleared.....	1

INTERNAL

Dampness rectified.....	1
Floors repaired.....	2
Walls repaired.....	1
Windows repaired.....	2

RENT ACT 1957

No applications were received for Certificates of Disrepair under the provisions of the above Act.

IMPROVEMENT GRANTS

	<u>Standard Grants</u>	<u>Improvemet Grants</u>
Applications received.....	45	33
Applications approved.....	49	35
Number of houses on which improvement work was completed.....	55	19

## HOUSING ACTS 1957/1961

During the year the following action was taken under the Housing Acts:-

No. of premises reported to Committee.....	17
No. of Demolition Orders made.....	12
No. of Undertakings given.....	29
No. of Houses made fit.....	8

A total of 62 dwellings were demolished in the district during 1972; 56 as a result of slum clearance, 1 for redevelopment and 5 voluntarily by owners.

No. of houses inspected.....	208
No. of re-inspections.....	195
No. of houses visited for overcrowding.....	4
No. of miscellaneous housing visits.....	21

### Filthy or verminous premises

No. of houses inspected.....	5
No. of re-visits.....	4

## SHOPS ACT, 1950

There are 245 shops in the area and during the year 45 inspections were made in connection with arrangements for the health and comfort of the shop workers, general cleanliness and, under delegated powers, Sunday trading, early closing and closing hours.

## FOOD AND DRUGS ACT, 1955

496 visits were made to premises where food is sold or prepared for sale.

The one slaughterhouse in the district is used only for emergency slaughtering. Nine visits were made during the year.



FOOD CONDEMNED

SLAUGHTERHOUSE (after emergency slaughter)

2	Sheep's livers	Abscesses
3 pairs	Sheep's shoulders	Bruising )
3 pairs	Sheep's legs	Bruising )

Savaged by dogs

SHOPS

1-lb.	4-ozs.	Cheese	Decomposed
	4-ozs.	Luncheon Meat	Decomposed
7-lbs.		Coleslaw	Decomposed
10-lbs.		Americal Salad	Decomposed
28-lbs.		Bacon	Decomposed
1-lb.	5-ozs.	Cheese	Mould
30-lbs.		Pigs spleens	Mould
6-lbs.	8-ozs.	Butter	Rancid
9-lbs.		Bacon	Maggots
174-lbs.		Hindquarter of Beef	Internal bruising
42-lbs.		Turkeys	) Refrigerator failure
12-lbs.	12-ozs.	Meat	
17-lbs.	6-ozs.	Fish	
15-lbs.	2-ozs.	Chips	
28-lbs.	4-ozs.	Sliced beans	
67-lbs.	14-ozs.	Peas	
4-lbs.		Brussel sprouts	
5-lbs.	8-ozs.	Broad beans	
2-lbs.	4-ozs.	Sweet corn	
5-lbs.	8-ozs.	Mixed vegetables	
	8-ozs.	Chicken curry	
11-lbs.	4-ozs.	Puff pastry	
3-lbs.	15-ozs.	Shortcrust	
1-lb.		Raspberries	
	8-ozs.	Strawberries	
113 blocks		Ice-cream	
18 packs of blocks		Ice-cream	
272 individual		Ice-creams	

Food condemned - continued

Shops

2-lbs.	3-ozs.	Ravioli
	10 $\frac{1}{2}$ -ozs.	Tuna steaks
	6-ozs.	Herrings
1-lb.	7 $\frac{1}{2}$ -ozs.	Spaghetti
	4 $\frac{1}{2}$ -oz.	Toast toppers
	12 $\frac{1}{2}$ -ozs.	Lumpfish caviar
1-lb.	15-ozs.	Chopped Ham with Pork
	57-ozs.	Tomato juice
	105-ozs.	Grapefruit juice
	93-ozs.	Evaporated milk
7-lbs.	8-ozs.	Custard
1-lb.	1-oz.	Tomato Puree
2-lbs.	14 $\frac{1}{2}$ -ozs.	Rice Pudding
1-lb.	12-oz.	Pie filling
2-lbs.		Marmalade
1-lb.	15 $\frac{1}{2}$ -ozs.	Macaroni
	12-ozs.	Luncheon Meat
6-lbs.	12-ozs.	Corned Beef
2-lbs.	4-ozs.	Cream
23-lbs.	7-ozs.	Soups
1-lb.	15-ozs.	Stewed Steak
	15 $\frac{1}{2}$ -ozs.	Stew
5-lbs.		American Salad
10-lbs.		Russian Salad
6-lbs.	13-ozs.	Baked Beans
1-lb.	8-ozs.	Sweet Corn
	10-ozs.	Broad Beans
12-lbs.		Peas
1-lb.	14-ozs.	Sliced Beans
1-lb.	7 $\frac{1}{2}$ -ozs.	Butter Beans
1-lb.	3-ozs.	Mixed Vegetables
12-lbs.	10-ozs.	Fruit Cocktail
3-lbs.	3 $\frac{1}{2}$ -ozs.	Apricots
	15 $\frac{1}{2}$ -ozs.	Blackcurrants
8-lbs.	5-ozs.	Cherries
43-lbs.	14 $\frac{1}{2}$ -ozs.	Peaches
4-lbs.	13-ozs.	Pineapple
9-lbs.	13 $\frac{3}{4}$ -ozs.	Pears
2-lbs.	1-oz.	Oranges
4-lbs.	15-ozs.	Plums
11-lbs.	8-ozs.	Prunes
4-lbs.	10 $\frac{1}{2}$ -ozs.	Tomatoes
25 fl.ozs.		Cola

LEAKING  
AND/OR  
BLOWN CANS

PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT, 1949

Rats and Mice

2,290 inspections were carried out to all classes of premises under the provisions of the above Act.

Of 685 premises found to be infested the owners of 22 premises carried out disinfestation themselves and the Rodent Officer operated for the destruction of rats and mice at the remaining 663.

Wasp nests

A total of 113 wasp nests were destroyed during the year.

PETROLEUM (CONSOLIDATION) ACT, 1928

There were 80 installations licensed to store petroleum spirit during the year and the premises licenced to store carbide of calcium numbered 4.

42 inspections were made during the year.



KENT COUNTY COUNCIL

FOOD AND DRUGS ACT, 1955

Details of samples taken by the County Sampling  
Officers within the STROOD RURAL DISTRICT during  
the year ended 31st December, 1972.

	<u>Satis-</u> <u>factory</u>	<u>Unsatis-</u> <u>factory</u>
Milk ... ..	41	-
Butter, margarine, lard, cooking fats, cheese (including processed cheese). ... ..	1	1
Tinned meats, meat, fish, fish and meat pastes.. ... ..	14	5
Sugar, sugar confectionery, flour confectionery, chocolate products, cereals... ..	19	3
Tea, coffee, cocoa, beverages, minerals, cordials... ..	6	-
Jams, preserves, honey, jellies. ... ..	8	4
Dried fruit, raw fruit, vegetables, tinned fruit and vegetables ... ..	4	-
Pickles, sauces, vinegar, condiments ... ..	8	-
Drugs, medicines ... ..	9	-
Ice-cream... ..	1	-
Beer, wines, spirits ... ..	8	-
Miscellaneous... ..	7	4
	<u>126</u>	<u>17</u>

UNSATISFACTORY SAMPLES

Steak with Kidney and Gravy

Contained a bundle of bovine hair. Manufacturer cautioned.

Blackcurrant Yoghurt (2 samples)

Pineapple Yoghurt

The yoghurts were out of condition and fermenting. Retailer cautioned and advised on storage conditions and stock rotation.

UNSATISFACTORY SAMPLES - continued

Stewed Steak with Gravy

Contained a 'U' shaped ferrous metal object about 6 mm in height. Manufacturer cautioned.

Seville Orange Marmalade

Below the standard for soluble solid. Under investigation.

Salted Peanuts

Contained a plastic clip. Manufacturer cautioned.

Apricot Jam

Contaminated with mould growth. Manufacturer and retailer advised as probable cause was damage to airtight seal in transit.

Gooseberry Jam ( 2 samples)

Below standard in soluble solids. Further sample satisfactory.

Chocolate Roll

The surface was affected by mould genus aspergillus. Retailer cautioned.

Pork Sausages

Contained preservative but no warning notice displayed. The retailer not aware of the presence of sulphite. Further sample satisfactory.

Beef Mince Pie

Outer rim contaminated with patch of black Mucor mould and the top of the pie covered with growth of mould penicillium. Manufacturer and retailer cautioned.

Fresh Guernsey Double Cream

Methylene Blue test only fairly satisfactory. Under investigation.

Chocolate Flake

Contained a maggot of the Drug Store Beetle. Manufacturer cautioned.

UNSATISFACTORY SAMPLES - continued

Suet Pudding Mix

Book lice found to be present between inner and outer wrapper.  
Manufacturer advised.

Creamery Butter

Showed signs of incipient rancidity. Manufacturer advised.

Ham

Found to be stale, but due to delay in purchaser complaining,  
no further action taken.



PREScribed PARTICULARS OF THE ADMINISTRATION

OF THE FACTORIES ACT, 1961

PART I OF THE ACT

1. INSPECTIONS for the purpose of provisions as to health -  
(including inspections made by Public Health  
Inspectors)

PREMISES  (1)	NUMBER ON REGISTER  (2)	NUMBER OF		
		Inspections  (3)	Written Notices  (4)	Occupiers Prosecuted  (5)
(i) Factories in which Sections 1,2,3,4 & 6 are to be enforced by Local Authority.....	4	4	-	-
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced.....	64	55	-	-
(iii) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by Local Authority (excluding Outworkers premises).....	6	6	-	-
TOTALS	74	65	-	-

2. Cases in which DEFECTS were found

PARTICULARS  (1)	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted  (6)
	Found  (2)	Remedied  (3)	Referred		
			to H.M. Inspector  (4)	by H.M. Inspector  (5)	
Want of cleanliness (S.1.).....	-	-	-	-	-
Overcrowding (S.2.).....	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable temperature (S.3.).....	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate ventilation (S.4.).....	-	-	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6.).....	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary conveniences (S.7.)...					
(a) Insufficient.....	-	-	-	-	-
(b) Unsuitable or defective.....	-	-	-	-	-
(c) Not separate for sexes.....	-	-	-	-	-
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outwork).....	-	-	-	-	-
TOTALS	-	-	-	-	-

PART VIII OF THE ACT

Outwork

(Sections 133 and 134)

Nature of Work  (1)	SECTION 133			SECTION 134		
	No. of out- workers in August list required by Section 133(1)(c)  (2)	No. of cases of default in sending list to the Council  (3)	No. of prosec- tions for failure to supply lists  (4)	No. of instances of work in un- wholesome premises  (5)	Notices Served  (6)	Prosecutions  (7)
<u>Wearing Apparel</u>  Making etc. cleaning and washing	43	-	-	-	-	-



PERSONAL HEALTH AND HOSPITAL SERVICES IN THE  
AREA OF STROOD RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

(Details supplied by courtesy of the  
Kent County Medical Officer of Health,  
Kent Director of Social Services and  
Secretary of the Medway and Gravesend  
Hospital Management Committee.)

## PROVISION OF PERSONAL HEALTH SERVICES IN THE AREA

(Responsibility of Kent County Council under Part III of the National Health Service Act, 1946)

### AMBULANCE SERVICE

The County Council is responsible for the provision of a comprehensive ambulance service throughout the County. Other than in cases of accident and emergency, no ambulance will be provided, except at the request of a doctor, hospital, or a midwife.

In cases of accident or emergency the telephone call is passed by the Post Office without delay to the ambulance station at Star Mill Lane, Chatham where it is dealt with immediately:-

#### Ambulance Stations in the area:-

Star Mill Lane,  
Chatham

Telephone No:

Medway 52201/2

Coldharbour Road,  
Northfleet

Gravesend 65257/8

### NOTIFICATION OF BIRTHS

In the case of every child born it is the duty of the father of the child, if at the time of the birth he is actually residing on the premises where the birth takes place, and of any person in attendance upon the mother at the time of, or within six hours after, the birth, to send notice of the birth within thirty-six hours, to the County Medical Officer of Health, Springfield, Maidstone ME14 2LN. Business reply envelopes for this purpose are supplied to medical practitioners, midwives, hospitals and maternity homes, upon application to the County Medical Officer, Springfield, Maidstone, ME14 2LN.

## ANTE-NATAL AND POST-NATAL CLINICS

Advice and ante-natal care is given at these clinics.  
Post-natal examinations are carried out at ante-natal clinics.

### Clinics for Strood Rural District:

Strood	-	K.C.C. Clinic, Hawthorn Road, Strood.	<u>Relaxation &amp; Mothercraft:</u> Thursday 7.30p.m.-8.45p.m.
Gravesend	-	K.C.C. Child Health Clinic, 90(c) Wrotham Road, Gravesend.	<u>Relaxation &amp; Mothercraft:</u> Wednesday 7.15p.m. - 8.30p.m.

## TUBERCULOSIS, SCHOOL CLINICS, DENTAL CLINICS, SPECIAL CLINICS

### 1. Tuberculosis

Medway Hospital, Gillingham	-	Monday to Friday 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
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Telephone No:

Medway 46111

Gravesend & North Kent Hospital	-	Wednesday - general clinic Thursday morning refill clinic
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Telephone No:

Gravesend 64333

Saturday morning 9-11a.m.  
(children only)

### 2. School clinics

K.C.C. Clinic, Hawthorn Road, Strood.	-	1st and 3rd Wednesday 9-10a.m. during school term
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90c, Wrotham Road Gravesend.	-	Wednesday 9-10a.m. 1st & 3rd Friday morning during school term
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### 3. Dental (children attend by appointment except in emergencies)

Elm House, 15, New Road Avenue, Chatham.	-	Monday to Friday
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Dental - continued

Hawthorne Road, Strood	-	Monday to Friday
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90c, Wrotham Road, Gravesend.	-	Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday
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The mobile dental clinic visits schools in the area as circumstances permit.

4. Specialist (children attend by appointment)

118, Maidstone Road, Chatham.	-	<u>Telephone No:</u> Medway 42098
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90c, Wrotham Road, Gravesend.	-	<u>Telephone No:</u> Gravesend 62138
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Ophthalmic

118, Maidstone Road, Chatham.	-	Every Monday morning Every Wednesday afternoon
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Gravesend Hospital, Gravesend.	-	Friday afternoons
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90c, Wrotham Road, Gravesend.	-	Thursday mornings
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Speech defects

118, Maidstone Road, Chatham.	-	Monday, alternate Tuesdays, Thursday.
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90c, Wrotham Road, Gravesend.	-	Daily, except Thursday afternoons
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Marlborough Road, Gillingham.	-	Monday, Tuesday morning and Wednesday morning; Thursday and Friday morning
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5. Family Planning Clinics ( by appointment only)

107, Rochester Road, Gravesend.	<u>Telephone No:</u> Gravesend 65966	Tuesday evenings Friday afternoons
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Castle Mews, Rochester.	<u>Telephone No:</u> Medway 46860	Monday afternoons Wednesday mornings Wednesday afternoons Wednesday evenings
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## CHILD HEALTH CLINICS

These centres are open between 2 and 4 p.m. on the days given, except where otherwise indicated, for the purpose of giving advice on the care of infants and children under the age of five years. Certain infant foods, national dried milk and vitamin products may be obtained at these centres. Each clinic is attended by a Health Visitor, and by a Medical Officer on certain days.

### Child Health Clinics for Strood Rural District -

Cliffe	- Village Hall,	1st. 3rd & 5th Mondays
Cobham	- The Meadow Rooms, The Street	2nd Tuesdays
Cuxton	- Social Centre, Bush Road	2nd & 4th Tuesdays (morning & afternoon)
Frindsbury Extra	- Memorial Hall, Holly Road, Wainscott	Thursdays
Halling	- Church Hall, Vicarage Road	1st and 3rd Fridays
Harvel	- Village Hall, Harvel, Meopham	2nd & 4th Wednesdays
Higham	- Village Memorial Hall, School Lane	Every Friday
High Halstow	- Recreation Hall	2nd and 4th Tuesdays
Hoo St. Werburgh	- Village Hall	Wednesday - afternoons Thursdays - mornings
Isle of Grain	- Village Hall	Every Wednesday
Meopham	- Village Hall	Thursdays
Shorne	- Village Hall	2nd and 4th Thursdays
Stoke	- British Legion Hall	1st and 3rd Tuesdays



## DOMICILIARY MIDWIFERY AND NURSING SERVICES

The County Council employs midwives to provide a maternity service as and when required, in conjunction with general practitioners and the local maternity hospitals.

The County Council provides similarly for the attendance of nurses on persons who require nursing in their own homes or elsewhere, such as a doctor's surgery. Apart from cases of emergency and accident, patients can only be attended when the nurse has been requested to do so by a doctor.

To promote closer working between the County Council's nursing services staff and the general practitioners concerned, each general medical practice, or group of practices, has attached to it a midwife and nurse whose services can be arranged for by the patient's particular family doctor.

## HEALTH VISITING SERVICE

The County Council appoints health visitors who give advice on the care of young children, to persons suffering from illness and expectant and nursing mothers, and as to the measures necessary to prevent the spread of certain infectious diseases.

Health visitors also undertake duties within the School Health Service. To obtain the services of the relevant health visitor for a particular parish in the Strood Rural District, a call should be made before 10.00a.m. to the appropriate telephone number shown below:-

<u>Parish</u>	<u>Where Health Visitor is Based</u>	<u>Telephone No:</u>
Meopham	K.C.C. Clinic, Whitehill Road, Kings Farm Estate, Gravesend	Gravesend 4795
Cliffe/Cooling/ High Halstow/ Shorne	K.C.C. Clinic, 107, Rochester Road, Gravesend	Gravesend 65966
Allhallows/Isle of Grain/Stoke	Health Visitor is based at her own home	Medway 77586
Remaining parishes in the Rural District	K.C.C. Clinic, Hawthorn Road, Strood	Medway 76595



VACCINATION AGAINST SMALLPOX AND POLIOMYELITIS AND  
IMMUNISATION AGAINST DIPHTHERIA, WHOOPING COUGH AND TETANUS

All medical practitioners have been invited to participate in the scheme which gives free vaccination against poliomyelitis and immunisation against diphtheria, whooping-cough, tetanus and measles. These services are also available at child health clinics during the normal child health sessions.

Vaccines for protection against smallpox, poliomyelitis, diphtheria/tetanus/pertussis and diphtheria/tetanus, measles and rubella are supplied by the Health Department, Springfield, Maidstone (Telephone No. Maidstone 54371).

NURSING REQUISITES

Requests for the loan of nursing requisites should be made to the Area Nursing Officer, K.C.C. Clinic, Wayfield Road, Wayfield Estate, Chatham (Medway 47944). Some small items are available from the Medical Loan Depots of the British Red Cross Society as shown below:-

Rochester	-	British Red Cross Society, 67, High Street, Rochester, Daily (except Wednesday) from 10.30a.m. - 12.30p.m. and 2.30p.m. - 4.30p.m.	<u>Telephone No:</u>  Medway 42997
Gravesend	-	British Red Cross Society, 36, Pelham Road, Gravesend. Tuesday to Friday 3p.m. - 4 p.m.	<u>Telephone No:</u>  Gravesend 3235

Bed and bedding can be supplied to patients on the recommendation of a doctor. The recommendation should be sent to the Area Nursing Officer, address above.

CHIROPODY

Chiropody for the physically handicapped, old people and expectant mothers as follows:-

Health Clinic Wayfield Road, Chatham.	-	by appointment  (Thursday morning only)
K.C.C. Clinic, Gun Lane, Strood.	-	by appointment

## Chiropody - continued

Elm House, Health Clinic, 15, New Road Avenue, Chatham.	-	by appointment  (Monday and Tueseday)
Health Clinic, 150, Malling Road, Snodland.	-	by appointment (Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday morning only)
Health Clinic, Hawthorne Road,	-	by appointment (Monday & Thursday a.m. and p.m. Friday a.m. only)

## SOCIAL SERVICES

### Home Help Service

Home Help Service is provided in households where help is required owing to the presence of a person who is suffering from illness, lying in, an expectant mother, aged, handicapped as a result of having suffered from illness or by congenital deformity, or a child not over compulsory school age.

The Local Authority may recover from persons availing themselves of such help such charges (if any) as the Authority considers reasonable, having regard to the means of those persons.

Applications for help should be made to the Area Director, 18, Gun Lane, Strood (Telephone No. Medway 75831) with the exception of residents in the Parishes of Cobham, Higham, Luddesdown, Meopham and Shorne, who should apply to the Area Director, County Offices, Windmill Street, Gravesend (Telephone No: Gravesend 64701).



### Night Attendance Service

Night Service is provided for not longer than three weeks unless there are exceptional circumstances, for the care of seriously ill people who are living in their own homes and have no-one to care for them at night. The groups of people who receive the service have been defined as follows:-

- (a) those who are sick but whose condition is such that hospital care is not required or who because of the disease can obtain no benefit from hospital care;
- (b) those who are suffering from serious illness but for whom a hospital bed cannot immediately be provided;
- (c) those who whilst not suffering from illness requiring more or less continuous medical or nursing care are nevertheless suffering from degenerative changes of old age to such an extent that they are incapable of providing themselves either directly or by ordinary means available to them, e.g. relatives, with a reasonable standard of care and attention in their own homes.

Night service will also be considered for the relief of relatives, e.g. an elderly spouse who may become exhausted by giving daily and nightly care or an only daughter or son who is at work during the day and cares for the patient at night. In these cases Night Service is provided for one to three nights a week to enable the relative to rest or carry on with his or her day time employment.

### Evening Service

This service operates between the hours of 6.00 and 9.00 p.m. and is provided for people who are bedridden or housebound and have no-one to assist or help them to prepare for the night.

Duties carried out by the helpers include undressing crippled and feeble people and putting them to bed, the making of beds and attention to the toilet, attention to fires and the provision of a light meal or hot drink.



### Family Care Service

This service is provided for the short term care of children in their own homes during the absence of the mother. The service applies only when a family has two or more children. In most cases the absence of the mother is due to her admission to hospital for illness or confinement, but the service may also be provided where the mother has died or has deserted her family, to enable the father to make alternative arrangements for the care of his children. Help is usually limited to a period of not more than three months, but an extension may be granted by the Director of Social Services in special circumstances. Services provided during the time the father is away from home and residential help can be given in special cases, e.g. when the father is on night duty.

### Family Welfare Service

This service offers guidance and training in the family home to the parents who are finding difficulty in accepting family responsibilities and organising a regular pattern of living.

Intensive training is given for a period of three months by helpers who teach the mother methods of child care, housecraft, hygiene and cooking, and advise the parents jointly on budget control. This is continued with follow-on service for six to nine hours a week for nine months and a further period of four years' supervision by the Home Help Organiser.

These families are jointly supervised by the Home Help Organiser, Social Worker and Health Visitor who work as a "team" supporting and advising the family welfare worker. There is a limit of 793 hours' practical help available per client. These hours may be allocated during a five-year period as is considered advisable by the team.

In a family where there is medical evidence of subnormality, the continuance of the service after the five-year period may be approved for not more than twelve hours a week until the youngest child reaches compulsory school age.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL SECURITY

Local Offices:-

Chatham Local Office,  
Crown House,  
The Brook, Chatham.

Telephone No:  
Medway 44455

5, Castle Hill,  
Rochester.

Telephone No:  
Medway 42237

Gravesend Local Office,  
"Ravenscourt",  
Pelham Road,  
Gravesend.

Telephone No:  
Gravesend 64811

HOSPITAL SERVICES

Hospitals providing services normally available to medical practitioners for residents within the Strood Rural District are as follows:-

All Saints Hospital, Magpie Hall Road, Chatham.  
(Telephone No. Medway 41212-5)

Maternity, Gynaecology, E.N.T., Paediatrics, Geriatric,  
Infectious Diseases, Psychiatric.

Outpatient facilities are also available in the  
following specialities:

Paediatrics, Orthodontic, Gynaecology, E.N.T., Ante-natal,  
Psychiatry and Consultant Dentistry.

St. Bartholomew's Hospital, New Road, Rochester.  
(Telephone No. Medway 41511-4)

Medical, Surgical, Paediatrics.

Outpatient facilities are also available in the following  
specialities:-

Dertatology, Neurology, Physical Medicine, Rheumatology,  
Ophthalmology, Plastic Surgery, Radiotherapy, Psychiatry,  
General Surgery, General Medicine.



Hospital Services - continued

Medway Hospital, Windmill Road, Gillingham.  
(Telephone No. Medway 46111)

Medical, Surgical and Orthopaedic.

Orthopaedic outpatient clinic.  
Rehabilitation department with outpatient clinics in  
Physical Medicine.

St. William's Hospital, St. William's Way, Rochester.  
(Telephone No. Medway 43243)

Post operative and Radiotherapy.

Keycol Hospital, Keycol Hill, Sittingbourne.  
(Telephone No. Newington 222)

Elderly sick and diseases of the chest.

Weekly clinic for chest diseases and for  
General Medicine.

Gravesend & North Kent Hospital, Bath Street, Gravesend.  
(Telephone No. Gravesend 64333)

Medical, Surgical, Maternity, Gynaecology,  
Paediatric, Orthopaedic.

Outpatient facilities are also available in the  
following specialities:-

Dermatology, Ophthalmology, Dentistry, Psychiatry, E.N.T.,  
General Medicine, General Surgery, Orthopaedics, Paediatrics,  
Obstetrics & Gynaecology, Physical Medicine and Chest Diseases.

River Hospital, Joyce Green, Dartford  
(Telephone No. Dartford 23231)

Infectious diseases.

Milton Regis Hospital, North Street, Milton Regis, Sittingbourne.  
(Telephone No. Sittingbourne 3168)

Geriatric (longer stay units)



Hospital Services - continued

St. James Hospital, Trafalgar Road, Gravesend.  
(Telephone No. Gravesend 2139)

Geriatric (longer stay units)

VENEREAL DISEASE CLINICS

36, New Road, Rochester.  
Telephone No. Medway 43343

Mondays 1.30p.m. - 4.30p.m.  
Thursdays 10a.m. - 1p.m.

22, Cobham Street, Gravesend  
Telephone No. Gravesend 3061

<u>Men</u>	11a.m.- 1p.m. Tuesdays 9 - 10a.m. Saturdays
<u>Women</u>	1 - 2p.m. Tuesdays 9 - 10a.m. Saturdays

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New Cases

Syphilis.....	2
Gonorrhoea.....	27
Other genital infections.....	46
Other conditions.....	36

Total	111
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